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One in a series introducing students to Southeast Alaska Native languages, this booklet presents simple dialogues in Tsimshian with English translations following. The eight dialogues, consisting of three or four questions with replies, provide practice with a variety of basic sentence patterns. Dialogues include social greetings and questions about name, age, and tribal origin; ethnic foods and customs are mentioned. Line drawings illustrate each dialogue. (JH)

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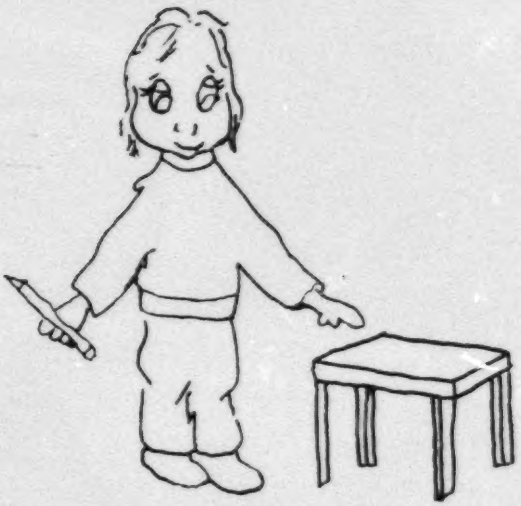


Nda wila waan?

Aam wila waalu.

Ndadu dii wil haɬaɬsin?

Gwa'a dii wil haɬaɬsu.

Ndim al gik niidzin.

Oo, mdzi gik niidzi.

How are you?

I'm fine.

Where are you working?

I'm working here.

I'll see you again.

Yes, see me again.

Naah du dii waan?

Joe dii waayu.

Ndadu dii sgabuu dii xk'oo*l*gin?

*l*aa kbiil dii xk'oo*l*gu.

Goohdu dii pdeegan?

Ganhada wil hoksgu.

What is your name?

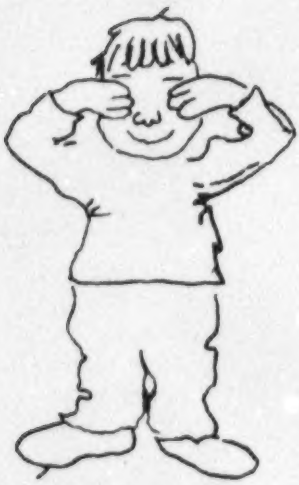
My name is Joe.

How old are you?

I am 10 years old.

What clan do you belong to?

I belong to the Raven clan.



Ndadu wil huwaan?

Gwa'a wil huwaalu.

Yakwɬ yüüni?

Aɬgadii k'uɬ yüüi.

Aynɬ k'uɬ yüüna k'ooy?

Aɬgadii k'uɬ yüüya k'wan.

Where are you?

I'm right here.

Are you hiding?

I'm not hiding.

Are you hiding from me?

I'm not hiding from you?

Ayn*i* hasagani*i* wineeya?

Oo, hasagu wineeya.

Goohyu gigabin?

Yagwa xsamiyu.

Gooh*i* wils sami?

Samim wan.

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Do you want some food?

Yes, I want some food.

What are you eating?

I'm eating some meat

What kind of meat?

It is deer meat.

Íaa k̓wdiini?

Ayn, aígadii kwdiiyi.

Aí siipgani?

Oo, siipga'nu.

Ts'imaatga sami.

Naah int k'ynam da k'wan?

Dzi'is int k'ynam da k'ooy.

Are you hungry?

No, I'm not hungry.

Are you sick?

Yes, I'm sick.

The meat tastes good.

Who gave it to you?

My grandmother gave it to me.

Goohdu dii aksin?

Yagwa nihooba gwil'lamaxs.

Goohl mgan akst?

Awil siipgu.

Aamiil gwil'lamaxs?

Oo', k'ap luk'wil aam.

What are you drinking?

I'm drinking Hudson Bay Tea.

Why are you drinking it.

Because I'm sick.

Is Hudson Bay Tea good?

Yes, it is very good.

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Nda*ł* namwil di'waat git da?

Lax'oh nanwil di'waatgit.

Yakw*ł* sigüünk'am hooni?

Ayn, a*ł*gadii siluunk'am hooni.

Goohyu al suluunan?

Yagwa ni siluunü *ł*a'ask.

Where did you get it?

I got it from the swamp.

Are you drying fish?

No, I'm not drying fish?

What are you drying then?

I'm drying some seaweed.

'Nüüyu gwa'a.

Nooyu gwa'a.

Nagwaadu gwa'a.

Ndadu alt 'nüün?

Ndadut nagwaadin?

Ndadut noon?

This is me.

This is my mother.

This is my father.

Where are you?

Where is your father?

Where is your mother?